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VISUAL PROCESSING PROGRAM,
AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
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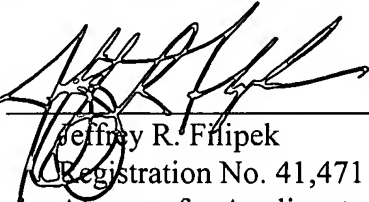
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- JP 2001-298619 corresponds to U.S. 2002/0006230
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5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

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